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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA WHITMAN

1. DUE GHANA SENSITIVITIES ON CIVIL AIR MATTERS, DEPT BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD ATTEMPT EXPAND USDEL WITH ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL EMBASSY OFFICERS, IN ORDER BOLSTER USG PRESENCE.

2. IN ADDITION, AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION HAS ARRANGED WITH PAN AM FOR GEORGE HAMBLETON, PAN AM DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TO ACT AS INDUSTRY OBSERVER ON USDEL. HAMBLETON PLANS ARRIVE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY FROM NY AND WILL HAVE WITH HIM INDUSTRY POSITIONS.

3. FYI: ATA OBSERVER TRADITIONALLY REPRESENTS VIEWS OF INTERESTED ATA MEMBER AIRLINES IN USDEL DELIBERATIONS, REPORTS BACK AND POLLS SAME LINES ON POSITIONS TO BE ADOPTED, AND RECORDS MINUTES OF MEETINGS. WHILE ATA REP NORMALLY PRESENT AT USDEL MEETINGS, USDEL CHAIRMAN MAY EXCLUDE ATA REP WHEN SENSITIVE USG INTERESTS OR POLICIES BEING DISCUSSED. END FYI KISSINGER

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